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Corps of Engineers to build \$6 million Fire/Rescue Station at March ARB

LOS ANGELES—The Los Angeles District of the Army Corps of Engineers announced today that it has awarded a \$6.3 million contract for the construction of a 30,000 square foot Fire/Crash Rescue Station at March Air Reserve Base to Alvarez Engineering, Inc. of Orange.

“The facility that was designed by the Corps Sacramento District will house personnel and firefighting equipment and vehicles to support California Air National Guard’s air fleet stationed there,” commented Howard Thio, the Corps’ project manager. “The building will contain sleeping quarters, training classroom, kitchen/dining area and other areas to support the firemen on duty. It will be built adjacent to the runway for rapid access.”

In addition, the contractor will tear down the 36-year old station, which is below current standards for a fire department facility. It was not centrally located near to the runway, which increased response time to reach any of the maintenance hangars rapidly. “It was not designed to withstand earthquakes like the new facility is,” added Thio. “I expect that the station will be completed by the end of September next year.”

Under various federal laws, the Corps awards contracts on a regular basis for work related to its many projects. Interested parties can contact the Los Angeles District at its Internet site (www.spl.usace.army.mil/contracts) for details or contact the District at (213) 452-3908.